

I have been a licensed amateur radio operator for six years and the "Broadband over Power Line" is the first issue that I have found important enough to comment on.

As you know Amateur Radio is a vital national resource.

We provide the needed emergency back-up lines of communication when there are national emergencies.

In the past two years, Amateur Radio Operators have provided invaluable assistance during the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks; communications and tracking help in the shuttle columbia recovery; and many other situations too numerous to name.

If "Broadband over Power Line" is allowed to be deployed, the Amateur Radio Community will be severely hampered in our ability to help when the needs arise.

The American Radio Relay League has very clear evidence of the severe interference that BPL poses to the entire 10-80 Mhz spectrum.

This interference might even poses a threat to national security in the frequencies used by the military and law enforcement.

I strongly encourage the FCC to stop the deployment of BPL.

Sincerely,

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